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Media Advisory: Acting chief justice to be sworn-in

WINDOW ROCK – On Aug. 1, 2017, Judge Thomas J. Holgate is scheduled to be sworn-in to serve as acting chief justice for the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. Judge Holgate will serve as acting chief justice until the appointment and confirmation of a permanent chief justice pursuant to Title 7 section 355 of the Navajo Nation Code.

Judge Holgate's maternal clan is Lók'aa' Dine'é (Reed People) and his paternal clan is Naaneesht'ézhí Táchií'nii (Charcoal-Streaked Division of Táchií'nii). He is originally from Shonto, Ariz.

On Monday, the Law and Order Committee approved the designation of Judge Holgate to serve as the acting chief justice.

Judge Holgate will temporarily fill the vacated position of former acting chief justice Allen Sloan, who retired on July 31.

WHO: Judge Thomas J. Holgate and current members of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council including Speaker LoRenzo Bates. Navajo Nation Supreme Court associate justice Eleanor Shirley will administer the oath of office.

WHAT: Swearing-in ceremony for Judge Thomas J. Holgate, who will serve as acting chief justice for the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

WHERE: Navajo Nation Council Chamber, 100 Parkway, Window Rock, Arizona, 86515

WHEN: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m. (local time)

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